

**Conservation Commission Minutes  
Tuesday, October 2, 2012  
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.  
5:30pm**

**Present:** Members: Chair Ned Phillips Jr., Vice Chair Fred Leeder, Leslie Slate, David Roosa, Donald Littlefield, Marea Mott and John Hopf. Absent: Chair, Ned Phillips, Jr. Also present was Terri Chmiel, Administrative Assistant for the recording of the minutes and Jon Ives member of the public.

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair, Mr. Leeder called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

**Update on the Tree Preservation and Protection Guidelines**

Mr. Leeder confirmed to Mr. Hopf that Ned Phillips, Jr. was appointed as Tree Warden for the Town of New Shoreham. The Commission and Mr. Ives discussed the following items:

- Mr. Hopf suggested a review of the Town maps to determine which areas the Commission would have responsibility over.
- Discussion of view sheds.
- Mr. Roosa raised the question over who is trimming the trees.
- Mr. Littlefield raised the councils concern regarding bids, hiring and funds for tree trimming.
- Mr. Littlefield would like to pursue the question of the telephone company and their lines regarding pruning and maintenance.
- Mr. Ives questioned private encroachment into public rights of way.

Mr. Leeder discussed the fact that the issue is not on cutting trees, but that tree trimming is done properly by setting standards for keeping trees healthily.

Mr. Littlefield made a motion seconded by Mr. Slate to strike the wording “open space” in the title and the paragraph addressing “open space”

6 Ayes (Leeder, Hopf, Slate, Littlefield, Mott and Roosa)  
1 Absent (Phillips)

0 Nays

Mr. Ives volunteered to incorporate suggestions and comments in an electronically tracking change format and present at the next meeting.

Mr. Hopf made a motion seconded by Mr. Slate to review Mr. Ives revised copy at the next regular scheduled meeting.

6 Ayes (Leeder, Hopf, Slate, Littlefield, Mott and Roosa)                      0 Nays  
1 Absent (Phillips)

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08p.m. in a motion by Mr. Littlefield and seconded by Mr. Slate.

6 Ayes (Leeder, Hopf, Slate, Littlefield, Mott and Roosa)                      0 Nays  
1 Absent (Phillips)

Respectfully submitted

Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: December 11, 2012